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Subject: SCHIP Income Disregards
Ms. Cummings:

CMS wants to ensure that we have the most up-to-date and accurate information for each state so that we know how income is being determined for SCHIP eligibility. Therefore, we are sending an email to each state to validate and/or request clarification on the information we currently have regarding income eligibility requirements, including income disregards. The information we are asking to be validated is attached and is based on information we have gathered from each state's SCHIP state plan and annual report, and/or information gathered via phone calls with state staff.

Please note we need information for the States' Medicaid expansion programs as well as SCHIP separate child health programs.

Please provide this information by COB Friday, October 17, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-786-7219. We appreciate your assistance.

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California SCHIP

Medicaid Expansion Program Income Disregards:

Work-related Expenses:

- \$90/month for each person with earned income

Child Care:

- Per child per month, as follows:
 - \$200 per month per child under age 2
 - \$175 per month per child age 2 or older

Disabled Dependent Care:

- Expenses up to \$175 for each disabled dependent

Child Support/Alimony:

- First \$50 of child support and/or alimony received per month per family
- Actual amount of child support paid, or amount of court order, whichever is less

Separate Child Health Program Income Disregards:

Work-related Expenses:

- \$90/month for each person with earned income

Child Care:

- Per child per month, as follows:
 - \$200 per month per child under age 2
 - \$175 per month per child age 2 or older

Disabled Dependent Care:

- Expenses up to \$175 for each disabled dependent

Child Support/Alimony:

- First \$50 of child support and/or alimony received per month per family

- Actual amount of child support paid, or amount of court order, whichever is less

Block of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Disregard:

- After deductions are applied, deduct gross income above 200% FPL, up to a maximum deduction of 50/100% FPL.